

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings replace the original sheets of drawings. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be removed.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 5-8, 11-13, 15-17, 19, and 27-42 are pending in the application. Claims 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 19, and 27 are independent.

Claims 5-8, 11-13, 15-17, 19, 27, 31, and 32 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 19, and 27 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 19, and 27 should be allowed. Dependent claims 7 and 8 depend from independent claim 6, dependent claims 12 and 13 depend from independent claim 11, and dependent claims 17, 31, and 32 depend from independent claim 16. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 31, and 32 be allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-23, 26, 28-30, and 33-42 have been rejected. These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, to facilitate prosecution of this application, please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 14, 18, 20-23, and 26 without prejudice to filing one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to reassert those claims in whole or in part, with or without modification. Claims 3, 9, 24, and 25 have been cancelled previously. Dependent claims 28-30, 33, 34, 37, and 42 have been amended to depend from independent claim 5, and dependent claims 35, 36, and 38-41 depend indirectly from independent claim 5. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 28-30 and 33-42 be allowed.

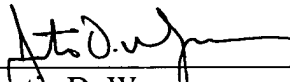
Conclusion

The claims in their present form should be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested.

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